

distinct understanding that they would not be permanent men and that they would not be entitled to the concessions allowed to the permanent compositors.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Is it the intention of the Government or is it not the intention of the Government to fill up permanent vacancies that would arise in the future from the people recruited after 1090?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That is not the intention as would be seen from the G. O.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Have the Government made themselves sure that the Government order in this behalf is being observed by the authorities?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. That is what the Government think. The contrary has not been made to appear to the Government.

Stock-taking in the Government Press.

75. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): (a) Have the Government deputed a Superintendent of the Account Office to take stock of the plant etc., of the Government Press?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state whether, in view of the highly technical nature of the institution, he is thoroughly competent to do his work without the aid of a technically qualified hand-conversant with such work?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) Yes.

(b) The work is only stock-taking, which the officer deputed is competent to do without any special aid.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the stock-taking can be done by a man who has no technical knowledge whatever?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. He is an officer deputed from the Account Office. He is entrusted with the work of inspecting the plant and machinery and seeing whether they correspond to the stock.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Why should there be a special stock-taking officer? Cannot that work be done by the O. A. D.?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The gentleman deputed belongs to the Account Office.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): But I want to know whether that work cannot be done by the O. A. D.?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. That was the idea of the Government. When Government appointed him, they considered this and they thought that the ordinary work of the O. A. D. would suffer much if it was asked to do this work also.